

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services



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Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

In response to the growing need to improve and expand services to our nation's veterans and service members, the Commonwealth of Virginia established the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) in 2008. It is operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Rehabilitative Services.

The VWWP supports the following persons on their road to recovery from the effects of stress-related injuries (such as post traumatic stress disorder) or traumatic brain injuries:

- Veterans of any era who are Virginia residents
- Members of the Virginia National Guard not in active federal service
- Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves not in active federal service
- Family members of veterans and service members.

The main office of VWWP is located at the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond. Regional offices have been established in the northern, southern and western regions of Virginia. Grants are being made available to regional coalitions of Community Services Boards, brain injury services providers, and other public and private service providers. These grants will ensure that assessments, treatment, and support services are available on a timely basis.

Through these networks of public and private providers, the following services may be available:

- Comprehensive and timely assessment
- Case management
- Outpatient treatment
- Rehabilitative services
- Family support
- Linkage to benefits services, housing, employment and educational programs

The VWWP seeks additional partners who can assist veterans and their families. Persons interested in volunteering their time or services should contact the program office at (804) 371-4675. Monetary donations to this program can be made through the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation with a specific notation that the donation be targeted for the VWWP. All donations will go to the direct support of Virginia veterans and their family members, not to administrative or personnel costs.

Visit us on the web at www.dvs.virginia.gov/woundedwarrior or call 804-371-4675.

Did you know?

- Virginia has **813,977 veterans** as of September 30, 2008 and the number is increasing (Source U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs)
- **20%** of service members returning from Iraq or Afghanistan report symptoms of PTSD or depression; only half have sought treatment (Rand Corp. Study, 2008)
- **19%** of returning service members experienced possible traumatic brain injury (Rand Corp. Study, 2008)
- **7%** of returning service members report both probable brain injury and PTSD or depression (Rand Corp. Study, 2008)

Serving those who served.